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REMARKS

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Claims 1-20 were again rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kawabe et al. (US 6,027,130) and Applicant's traversal was stated to be unpersuasive.

Once again, the Examiner recited limitations from the claims of the present application and then broadly asserted that the Figures shown in Kawabe teach the claimed limitations of the present invention. This makes Applicant's defense of their application and response to the Examiner's rejection extremely difficult. The office actions fail to identify what in the Kawabe reference the Examiner believes to be a camber adjustment, a slotted guide, or the control arm therein. Applicant argues, therefore, that these rejections are not properly detailed as required by MPEP 707.07. It hampers Applicant from providing the Examiner with a more compelling set of explanations illustrating the fundamental differences between the two claimed inventions.

Nevertheless, the Applicant will attempt to more clearly lay out the traversal of the Examiner's rejections.

- 1) Kawabe is a suspension design NOT an adjustment of the suspension as claimed by the present invention. It has NO adjustment feature for camber. The only discussion of camber in the reference describes "camber gain" which is where the camber leans the wheels in during a turn to improve traction. This is a performance design feature, NOT an adjustment. Nor does the cited structure match the claimed limitations. The fact that camber or caster changes during operation of a suspension assembly is not the equivalent of the claimed adjustment feature claimed by the present invention.
- 2) The apparent Notice the Examiner takes claiming "adjustment of caster results in an adjustment of camber" is patently incorrect. Furthermore, Kawabe fails to show the adjustment slotted guide/upper arm/knuckle claimed by the present invention. Applicant left undirected, cannot find any support for this assertion by the Examiner. The Applicant, therefore, traverses this argument and the underlying rejections.

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- 3) The structural limitations claimed by the present invention are simply not taught in Kawabe. The upper control arm of Kawabe does NOT teach an upper rotational joint including a slotted guide wherein the integral upper control arm shaft sits. Nor does it teach that adjustment of the upper control arm shaft within this slotted guide alters the camber of the knuckle. The Kawabe reference fails to teach the upper control arm shaft being positioned along the rotational axis of the upper rotational joint. In fact, it teaches none of the limitations contained in any of the independent claims or dependent claims of the present invention.

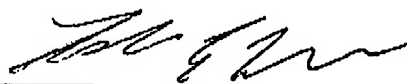
The Applicant, therefore, requests reconsideration of the present application.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his assistance in prosecution. In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that all rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments that would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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